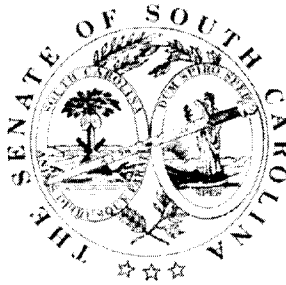


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October 16, 2013

The Honorable Swain E. Whitfield  
Public Service Commissioner, Fifth District  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Commissioner Whitfield,

Please accept this correspondence as my support of the protest by the Fairwood Homeowners Association of the very large rate increases being proposed by the United Utility Company. My constituents there inform me that United Utility is proposing to increase their monthly rate for sewer service from \$53.50 to \$83.39. I find this unconscionable. Many of the residents of this community are retired and living on a fixed income. They will suffer the most.

I am informed that the Public Service Commission has hearings planned for Thursday, October 17, 2013 at the Union City Hall at 6:00 PM and for Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Commission's Hearing Room in Columbia. My business schedule, unfortunately, prevents me from attending either session, but I respectfully request that this correspondence be entered into the record of the proceedings.

I appreciate the difficult job of public service that you perform. I also know that you have at heart the best interests of the constituents that you serve. I hope, therefore, that you will reflect upon the real human cost of this request as you make your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane Martin".  
Shane Martin

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